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The amendment filed on January 31, 2005 is considered non-compliant because claims 12-14 in the amendment have been improperly withdrawn by the applicant while the claims still contain the elected group (SEQ ID NO:11). Applicant can either cancel or amend the claims according to 37 CFR 1.121.

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